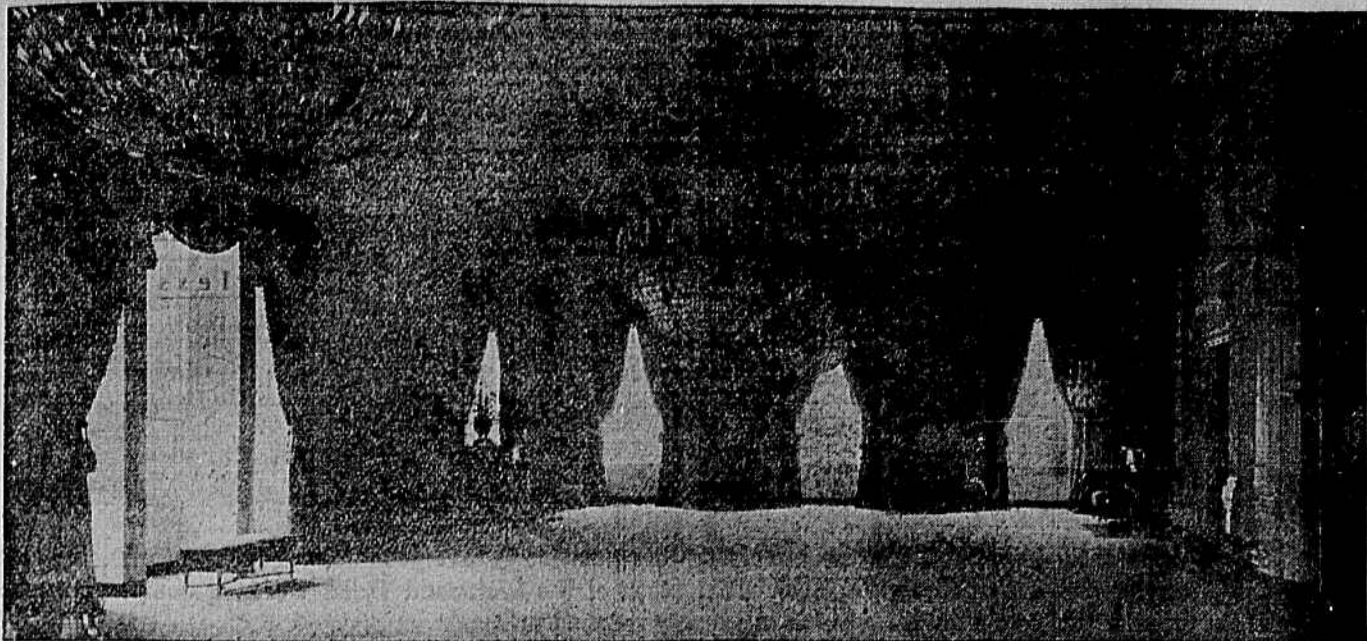


THE LONGWORTH-ROOSEVELT WEDDING TO BE NOTABLE EVENT IN WHITE HOUSE'S SOCIAL HISTORY



Beautiful East Room of the White House, where Miss Roosevelt will be married.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Although there have been ten weddings celebrated within the historic White House walls, with the sole exception of the marriage of Grover Cleveland and Frances Folsom it is well assured that all of them put together were not the subject of as much newspaper gossip as will be the one celebrated in the famous East Room on the seventeenth of February, when Nicholas Longworth, member of congress from the Cincinnati district, claims Miss Alice Roosevelt, the President's daughter, as his bride.

The date alone has been announced. The details have not been confided to the public. But it is certain that the marriage will be accompanied by all the ceremony and regard for form that can be made to mark an affair of this character. For while Miss Roosevelt is a straightforward American girl, with little of that quality which Americans term "follishness," her father likes the "pomp and circumstance" which it is possible to command from his position, and the general atmosphere of the present administration is distinctly more royal and resembles more closely that surrounding European courts than that of any which has preceded it.

While the papers have given so much space to discussing the engagement of the young people and speculating on the character of the nuptials, it is quite evident that in this, as in most cases, they have simply been giving the people what they wanted to read. The engagement has for over a month been a topic all over the country, and one individual who by some oversight or neglect on the part of the proper authorities of Nevada, in which State the person alluded to resided, proposed to raise a popular fund to which nobody might contribute more than a dime, for the purpose of buying Miss Roosevelt a bridal present. Of course, the President very promptly frowned down such a proposition, though, and therein lies a joke. "Representative Longworth when told of the movement, declared it was 'great'."

The first marriage ever celebrated in the White House was that of Miss Todd, relative of Mrs. Monroe. Miss Todd became the bride of John G. Jackson, a member of congress from Virginia in the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth and Fourteenth congresses, and Judge of the western district of Virginia from 1819



until the time of his death at Clarkburg, in 1825. The room in which the ceremony was performed is not known, but it is pretty nearly certain that it was either the East Room, for Dolly Madison used that room as a laundry annex while she

was mistress of the White House. The first time the East Room, in which Miss Roosevelt is to be married, was used as a wedding room was when Miss Elizabeth Tyler, daughter of President Tyler, became the wife of Mr. William Walker,

of Virginia. The bride was only nineteen years of age. It is said that on the evening following the wedding somebody remarked in the hearing of Daniel Webster that it was strange that Miss Tyler could consent to leave the White House to reside in a simple Virginia home. Mr. Webster showed he could apply Scott as well as Blackstone, by his reply.

"Love rules the court, the camp, the grove."

For love is heaven and heaven is love." During the administration of John Quincy Adams, his son John Adams, Jr., was united in marriage to Miss Helen, of Washington. It is related that President Adams, the most austere man who ever sat in the White House, in fact, a real Benjamin Harrison of a man, only "more so," danced a Virginia reel at his son's wedding.

During the two terms of Andrew Jackson there were two weddings in the White House, the first, that of Miss Eastern, General Jackson's niece, and Mr. Polk, of Tennessee, and the second that of Miss Lewis, a relative, and Mr. Pappeal, a Frenchman, who afterwards became French minister to America.

There was one wedding in the White House during the administration of Martin Van Buren, that of his seventeen year old daughter Martha, who became the wife of Samuel Gouverneur, her father's secretary. Col. Abraham Van Buren, the President's son, was married in the November following his father's administration, to Miss Angelica Singleton, a South Carolina woman, but the ceremony was performed in Philadelphia. On the following New Year a reception was given the couple in the White House, and Mrs. Van Buren, assisted by the ladies of the cabinet, received with her father.

Aue most brilliant social event of the administration of General Grant was the marriage of his daughter, Ellen, to Algernon Charles Frederick Sartoris. She was a beautiful girl of nineteen when she stood in the old East room a bride, her loveliness enhanced by a rich gown of white satin, and a veil which completely enveloped her. She was attended by eighteen bridesmaids, each wearing a gown of white corded silk, "with overtones of white illusion," according to a chronicler of the time.

During the administration of President Hayes his niece, Miss Emily Platt and General Hastings were married in the White House.

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The Lee Family.

Please answer through your Sunday Query Column: Whose son is R. E. Lee, Jr., and did General Lee leave a son named him? Also what are the names of his sons?

A CONSTANT READER.

He is son of W. H. F. Lee and Grandson of General R. E. Lee. General R. E. Lee had three sons—George Washington Custis Lee, William Henry Fitzhugh Lee and Robert Edward Lee.

Invitations to a Dance.

Kindly publish the correct form of an invitation to a dance, given by the mother to a daughter?

READER.

The mother usually incloses her own and her daughter's card, with the word "dancing" written in the lower left-hand corner, of hers, together with the date on which the entertainment is to be given, and the four.

Rats!

I saw where a subscriber wanted a receipt for rats. My corn-crib, meat-house and dwelling were infested with them. I tried everything except poisoning to no effect, as a last resort I tried small box-traps, the kind used in the country for catching hares, only on a smaller scale, and bait with corn-meal. I would often catch two at one fall as they go in pairs and turn them out in a room containing little furniture and the pet dog will do the rest. The fun of the dog catching them will pay for the trouble. I soon got rid of them.

FRANCIS.

Somerset, Va., Jan. 9, 1906.

Tobacco Tax.

Please answer in your next Wednesday's paper what the revenue tax is on tobacco? I wish to send some to a friend in Missouri, tied in bundles in the leaf, about ten pounds, and oblige.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The tax on smoking tobacco is six cents a pound. But the law is very strict. In order to comply in this case you would have to take out license as a tobacco manufacturer; or qualify as a leaf tobacco dealer, in which case the tobacco could only be sent to another licensed dealer in tobacco. We do not advise you to violate the law, but the probability is that if you should send this little present to your friend, the government would not have you arrested.

A String of 'Em.

(a) Who is the editor of The Times-Dispatch?
(b) What is the possessive case, singular number of the name Evans?
(c) What do the letters G. O. P. (taken together) mean? They are generally seen on an elephant, which, I presume, represents the Republican party.
(d) What is the amount paid to the University of Virginia by a student in the academic course of the above university for one complete session?

READER.

(a) Joseph Bryan is editor and owner, but the paper employs several editorial writers.
(b) Evans's.
(c) "Grand Old Party."
(d) The Virginia students pay no tuition fees. The expenses of a student otherwise vary, according to his manner of living. You can get close estimates by writing to President E. A. Alderman.

Bank Clearings.

What is meant by the "clearings" of a bank? We see in the papers that bank clearings are \$500,000 per year.

READER.

The term means mutual exchange between banks of checks and drafts, and the settlement of differences. These settlements are made through the "clearing house." In the course of the day Bank A will take in checks on Bank B, and Bank B will take in checks on Bank A. It is so with all other banks in town. Instead of taking the trouble to collect these checks individually, all are sent to the clearing house. Such checks

and drafts are called exchanges. These exchanges are distributed by messengers among the clerks of the banks that must pay them. Each bank in turn receives from all the other banks the exchanges they have received drawn on it and which it must pay. The exchanges which a bank takes to the clearing house are called creditor exchanges; those which it receives from the other banks represented there, are called debtor exchanges. If its creditor exchanges exceed its debtor exchanges, it is a creditor bank and must be paid the balance; if otherwise, it must pay a balance. The amount of these exchanges are the clearings.

Who Lost the Dollar?

Enclosed you will find a clipping from a paper. Will you please be so kind as to tell me in Sunday's paper who was out the dollar?

"A Missouri Pacific ticket agent in Arkansas tells the following: 'A man presented himself at the ticket window and asked the fare to Adkins, Ark. I told him it was \$3. He said he had only a \$2 bill, but could easily raise the other dollar. When he returned with the three dollar bill and was asked how he got the other dollar, he said: 'I went to a pawnbroker and pawned the \$2 bill for \$1.50. Then sold the pawn ticket for \$1.50. While you are making out the ticket kindly tell me who is out the dollar?' The agent afterward said that he had wrestled with the forlorn-seventh problem of Euclid, dragged through quadratics in algebra, worked on 'How old is Ann?' but the question was too much for him."

There is no problem about it. The silly man who bought the pawn ticket "lost the dollar." He paid for it \$1.50; when he redeemed the \$2 note, he paid the pawnbroker \$1.50 more. He paid out in all \$3, and he received \$2.

Query Editor of The Times-Dispatch.

Some months ago I wrote you asking for some information about General Lee which no history could give me. It was this: "Who accompanied General Lee from Appomattox to Richmond? Did General Grant give him a Federal escort, or did any soldiers go with him? One account says he camped out and slept in his tent. Who carried the tent and put it up? Who prepared his food?"

I learned recently that a member of his staff was still living in Norfolk, and I wrote to him propounding the same questions, and he promptly replied. I enclose a copy of his letter, which you can use if you think proper.

It is astonishing how often I have heard the above questions asked, and no one could definitely reply.

Yours truly, THOS. D. JEFFREES.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5, 1906.

Captain Thomas D. Jeffries, Chase City, Va.

Dear Sir—I have received your letter of yesterday. General Lee left Appomattox accompanied by three members of his staff—Colonel Venable, Colonel Marshall and myself.

He had no escort; no soldiers accompanied him. We had a man driving our wagon, one driving the General's ambulance, our steward, "Bryan Lynch," and servants; these rode our tents and cared for us on the journey to Richmond.

I believe I have answered all your questions, but if there is anything else desired, please advise me.

Yours truly, W. H. TAYLOR.

There may have been one or two couriers with us, but I do not recall definitely about this. Details were made for this service from a small battalion of cavalry every day, but my impression is that this was discontinued when we left.

W. H. T.
Colonel Taylor is author of "Four Years With General Lee."



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SOCIETY.

(Continued from Sixth Page.)

the guest in Richmond of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edmond Perkins.

Mr. Fred. F. Hobbs, of Alameda, Cal., was the recent guest of his cousin, Mr. Andrew Brown, of Highland Park.

Miss Stella Crockett, of Onancock, Accomac county, has returned home, after a pleasant visit to Miss Carramie, 500 Clay Street. Miss Rider accompanied Miss Crockett home.

Simple Faith.

Pond Mother—Don't you know, Johnny, that the Lord sees everything you do? He is always present.

Johnny—That's all right, Ma. I don't care, 'cause He never tells.—Puck.

Whoever goes after a fraud is sure of the applause and support of the honest men, and these, unfortunately, most generally make up a large and influential section of the public.—Puck.